Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 17 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 18 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 17 Jan 2021 at 03:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for plenty of snow over the coming day as well as wet weather for lower slopes. Lower confidence for detail from later Tuesday colder, clearer conditions look likely to dominate from midweek.

Headline for Sunday 17 Jan 2021: Heavy snow showers and poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 17 Jan 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	40%	80%	90%	90%	90%

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Weather: Westerly winds will bring continued fast changing conditions with frequent snow showers across all ranges. Showers will merge into a longer period of snowfall by afternoon, bringing widely whiteout conditions with blizzards. Snow will fall above around 400m through morning, this rising to 700-800m through afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% through morning with breaks generally short lived, falling to almost zero chance by afternoon as cloud thickens and lowers.

Visibility: Very variable through morning with snow showers never far away. Becoming widely limited to a few hundred metres, often less, above modest elevations.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	33/38 W	32/38 SW	32/41 SW	42/54 SW	37/47 SW	32/41 SW	39/50 W
900	21/27 W	20/26 W	21/30 SW	29/39 SW	24/34 W	21/30 W	26/36 W
600	23/28 SW	21/27 SW	27/35 SW	36/46 SW	28/38 SW	25/33 SW	27/37 W
300	10/13 SW	12/17 SW	13/22 SW	18/29 SW	15/25 SW	12/21 SW	17/28 W
Glen	8/20 W	6/14 SW	10/22 SW	15/33 SW	13/28 W	9/23 SW	15/32 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-2/-11	-3/-13
900	-2/-9	-2/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8	-0/-8	-0/-7	-1/-9
600	1/-6	1/-6	2/-5	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	1/-6
300	3/-1	3/-1	4/-0	4/-1	4/-0	4/0	3/-2
Glen	4/1	4/2	6/2	6/2	6/3	6/3	6/1
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	800m	900m	900m	900m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gusts closer to 50mph on highest ground around showers. Be aware of lowering cloud levels through afternoon. Best conditions likely across Arran.

Forecast for Monday 18 Jan 2021
Weather: A similar day to Sunday with frequent snow falling to around 700m, while rain, sleet and hail falls below this. Ground becoming sodden on lower slopes from persistent rain. Widely poor visibility and near constant, often heavy snowfall at times.

Maximum wind: SW 25-30mph, gusting up to 45mph. Easing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% for Arran, otherwise virtually no chance.

Visibility: Cloud bases persistent around 300-500m. Whiteout conditions likely for all ranges except Arran. Best visibility on lower slopes and on some more sheltered eastern aspects.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6C.
At 800m: Minus 2C.
Freezing level: 800m.

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